



## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the panels of the Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board will meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the dates indicated below:

Panel	Date(s)	Location
Infectious Diseases-B -----	May 21, 2014	American Association of Airport Executives
Surgery -----	May 21, 2014	Hampton Inn
Nephrology -----	May 22, 2014	American Association of Airport Executives
Neurobiology-C -----	May 22, 2014	Hampton Inn
Aging and Clinical Geriatrics ---	May 28, 2014	*VA Central Office
Endocrinology-B -----	May 29, 2014	The Liaison Capitol Hill
Infectious Diseases-A -----	May 29, 2014	Hampton Inn
Neurobiology-D -----	May 30, 2014	US Access Board
Neurobiology-F -----	May 30, 2014	*VA Central Office
Cellular and Molecular Medicine	June 2, 2014	VHA Conference Center
Clinical Trials-A -----	June 2, 2014	Hamilton Crowne Plaza
Endocrinology-A -----	June 2, 2014	US Access Board
Neurobiology-B -----	June 3, 2014	US Access Board
Mental Health and Behavioral Sciences-A -----	June 4, 2014	VHA Conference Center
Epidemiology -----	June 5, 2014	*VA Central Office
Gulf War Research -----	June 5, 2014	*VA Central Office
Oncology-A -----	June 5-6, 2014	American Association of Airport Executives
Clinical Trials-B -----	June 6, 2014	*VA Central Office
Hematology -----	June 6, 2014	US Access Board
Neurobiology-A -----	June 6, 2014	The Liaison Capitol Hill
Pulmonary Medicine -----	June 6, 2014	The Liaison Capitol Hill
Gastroenterology -----	June 10, 2014	Hampton Inn
Special Panel for Genomics ----	June 10, 2014	*VA Central Office
Immunology-A -----	June 11, 2014	Hampton Inn
Cardiovascular Studies-A -----	June 12, 2014	Hampton Inn
Cardiovascular Studies-B -----	June 13, 2014	Hampton Inn
Neurobiology-E -----	June 13, 2014	US Access Board
Eligibility -----	July 21, 2014	VHA Conference Center

The addresses of the meeting sites are:

American Association of Airport Executives, 601 Madison Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor,  
Alexandria, VA

Hamilton Crowne Plaza, 1001 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC

Hampton Inn, 1729 H Street, NW, Washington, DC

The Liaison Capitol Hill, 415 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

US Access Board, 1331 F Street, NW, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington, DC

VHA Conference Center, 2011 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA

VA Central Office, 131 M Street, NE, Washington, DC

\*Teleconference

The purpose of the Board is to provide advice on the scientific quality, budget, safety, and mission relevance of investigator-initiated research proposals submitted for VA merit review consideration. Proposals submitted for review by the Board involve a wide range of medical specialties within the general areas of biomedical, behavioral, and clinical science research.

The panel meetings will be open to the public for approximately one-half hour at the start of each meeting to discuss the general status of the program. The remaining portion of each panel meeting will be closed to the public for the review, discussion, and evaluation of initial and renewal research proposals.

The closed portion of each meeting involves discussion, examination, reference to staff and consultant critiques of research proposals. During this portion of each meeting, discussions will deal with scientific merit of each proposal and qualifications of personnel conducting the studies, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, as well as research information, the

premature disclosure of which could significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency action regarding such research proposals. As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended, closing portions of these panel meetings is in accordance with title 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (6) and (9)(B).

Those who plan to attend the general session or would like to obtain a copy of the minutes from the panel meetings and rosters of the members of the panels should contact Alex Chiu, Ph.D., Manager, Merit Review Program (10P9B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, at (202) 443-5672 or email at [alex.chiu@va.gov](mailto:alex.chiu@va.gov).

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